

Testimony for Public Hearing
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Thank you for this opportunity to enlighten you as to why I am in favor of HB 5300.

When I was 6 years old, I had very bad earaches every holiday. Double earaches, with immense pain, that usually ruined the holidays for me. My mother took me to the doctor and he said the prevailing medical treatment was to radiate a child's brain to shrink the adenoidal tissues and that would alleviate the earaches. He was wrong and the conventional wisdom incorporating bad science was wrong! Those earaches were eventually correctly diagnosed and I was sensitive and allergic to artificial ingredients such as food preservatives, dyes and fragrances that were all made of chemicals that were being introduced into our foods in the late forties and early fifties. The frozen red raspberries and colored gum drops my mother thought were so much fun during the holidays were full of all these chemicals and full of bad memories for me. In 1982, at age 38, I had a nine and 1/2 hour operation to remove an olfactory groove meningioma brain tumor that was caused by that radiation. I probably had the tumour for about ten years before it was diagnosed and that means it took approximately 20 years for that tumor to develop in my brain before it was actually seen on an x-ray. If you think these kinds of unintended consequences have stopped happening because of an increase in medical knowledge you would be sorely incorrect. Because of the disconnect of traditional medicine from nutrition this type of misdiagnosis continues to happen every day.

Currently, there has been a new industry growing up around the issue of gluten free breads, cakes, cookies, etc. Most people aren't even tested to find out if they are allergic to gluten but because they don't digest the bread easily or they bloat or for, many other reasons, they blame their symptoms on these products. In fact, it isn't a gluten problem at all. We now know that the grain companies spray their wheat, barley, oats and rye, etc. with a drying agent as the grains are drying and just before they are reaped and then ground up for food products and flours. That drying agent is Roundup, a very dangerous pesticide that kills the plant and stays directly on the plant and never comes off before being ground into those flours. The World Health Organization has classified Roundup as a possible cancer causing carcinogen. The unintended consequences of this is a whole industry that has developed around a completely false assumption that gluten is responsible for the allergies and gut ailments we see so often now. We should know that glyphosate is in our foods!! What makes good food is good soil. GMO plants are grown in pesticide soaked soil which means "dead soil", which also means less nutritious food.

Most doctors have a complete disconnect from the area of nutrition so they don't know about this and can't diagnose correctly as a result. This is only part of the unintended consequences of GMO foods. Remember there is also a BT corn that kills insects by exploding their stomachs. These foods with bt corn are eaten by humans and the same thing happens but we call this problem "leaky gut syndrome." In fact, these Bt corn products, if eaten raw have actually killed children because they are so toxic. The corn itself is registered as a pesticide. This is insane. What have you allowed to happen to all of us?

The biotech industry has told us these foods are safe but we know they are not and we know they lie. There are many countries suing Monsanto and other chemical companies and they are winning because they (the chemical companies) cannot prove that these pesticides are safe. The studies that have been done abroad prove that glyphosate is extremely hazardous to our health. Statistics show the decline of the health in this country ever since GMO foods were introduced in 1996. I'm not ready to say I am just in favor of labeling GMO foods. I am in fact ready to say that any product that has any glyphosate in it, any product that has ingredients that were grown in Roundup agricultural fields, and any product that has been sprayed with Roundup should be banned.

Since we can't trust the foods we eat to be represented accurately on labels, we are hear to fight for new labeling at the state level that will be truthful and complete. However, many people don't even know about GMOs so they are completely in the dark and the food industry likes it that way. Those poor folks are eating poison and don't know it.

Monsanto has lied about DDT, Agent Orange, Roundup, and 2-4-D dicamba which is even stronger than Roundup. They have also lied about the safety of genetic modification. They really don't know how a gene from another species gene blasted into the DNA of a plant will manifest itself when it enters the human body. Are we really surprised at this? No! We're not! But it's time to do something about protecting our population from these dangerous techniques and pesticides that reside in our food. There is an MIT study that tells us there are 22 diseases that glyphosate (main ingredient in Roundup) is creating and that by the year 2025 one in two children being born will be autistic. Now , can you imagine a society where every other person is autistic? That's less than ten years away. Genetically Modified foods are not only failed technology for many reasons, they are also polluting our planet and injuring farmers and children who live near the farms where they are grown. Do we have to wait to see that one in two children will be autistic or can we prevent this from happening by enacting our law to save as many lives as we can from this kind of destruction. This isn't just a matter of manufacturers of food versus people who want their food labeled properly. It's a matter of saving humanity from the DNA changes that are happening every day to our babies. Can you imagine a society where every other person is autistic. The U.S. will go bankrupt taking care of them.

You need to stop this from happening and you are the only ones who can do it. We have been telling you this for years and it's time, **right now**, to make sure that our trigger clauses are eliminated so that we can choose the right foods for our families. Many people will choose to eat GMOs because they don't know what they are and don't care. The rest of us want to know what's in our food and we should have that right. Why would we knowingly poison ourselves and our families? It is very confusing and difficult to figure out how to buy for our families right now because of all the conflicting information. People don't fall over and die from this food but they will have lasting and permanent damage from these pesticides in our food. Because of the study of epigenetics we know that our DNA is being changed negatively by these foods. **It is your job to protect us and it's time to do your job.** You have failed us until now. Many of you are very kind and very interested in seeing this bill pass but you now need to persuade those who aren't convinced or who are being influenced by money from the industries involved. Those people shouldn't be in the legislature. We will know who they are by how they vote. A "no" vote only means they are unable to help humanity because of a couple of reasons...firstly, they are taking money from the opposition or they are ignorant. **We will make sure they don't get elected again.** Anyone who doesn't vote for this bill will be suspect and deemed a protector of this criminal enterprise of chemical companies, large agricultural corporations and the Grocery Manufacturers Association that push this food on us without giving us honest and complete information. What ever happened to the truth?

Please help us. This is a very dire situation we're in and an even worse scenario is unfolding in the near future. There is no more time to waste. Take off the trigger clauses and vote for HB 5300. Do this even if it ends up being a symbolic gesture because of the recent passage of the DARK ACT in the Senate. We need our states to have the right to make their own decisions on whether we have the right to know what's in our foods. Strip the triggers and pass the law!!! Now!!!!

Articles to help educate you:

This is a 50 page comprehensive study on Glysophate, which can be used as a reference since it also references a huge number of studies. Appears to be independent.

<http://www.national-toxic-encephalopathy-foundation.org/roundup.pdf>

Thierry Vrain on GMO foods and glyphosate - a very important video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiU3Ndi6itk>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/forrest-pritchard/weve-missed-the-entire-point-about-gmo-food---a-farmer-explains-why_b_8153978.html

A must watch - 8min video on glyphosate

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DEiH9wWXZCQ>

<http://www.lostcornincome.com/breaking-news/>

The test results even surprised me:

<http://naturalsociety.com/farmer-finds-surprising-results-when-he-sends-gmo-crop-dust-to-lab/#ixzz3nRYhlphH>

So jealous.....good for the Russian people.

<http://www.viralalternativenews.com/2015/09/russian-govt-completely-bans-gmos-in.html>

This is the kind of thing that happens at the EPA, USDA and the FDA:
The author claims there is a media blackout on this court case.....so here goes if you are interested.

http://www.sludgevictims.com/pdf_files/epa52303-Lewis.pdf

I could have attached almost 250 articles from the past few years but won't. I would prefer that you get to work and get rid of the trigger clauses. Thank you for your time.